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SECRETARY'S MORNING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 14, 1989

1. CHINA: BACK TO BUSINESS, BUT CRACKDOWN CONTINUES
CHINA'S LEADERS HAVE SUDDENLY BEGUN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC
IN LARGE NUMBERS IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW LEADERSHIP UNITY
AND TO PORTRAY A RETURN TO NORMAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.
PREMIER LI PENG CHAIRED A MEETING OF TOP GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS YESTERDAY, RELAYING DENG XIAOPING'S JUNE 9
ENDORSEMENT OF MARTIAL LAW AND HIS RENEWED COMMITMENT TO
REFORM AND OPENING TO THE OUTSIDE, ACCORDING TO PRESS
REPORTS. SECURITY CHIEF QIAO SHI AND A WIDE ARRAY OF
OFFICIALS--MANY OF THEM CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH OUSTED
PARTY CHIEF ZHAO ZIYANG--VISITED INJURED MARTIAL LAW
SOLDIERS IN THE HOSPITAL. A GROUP OF ELDERLY ADVISORY
COMMISSION MEMBERS VISITED TROOPS STATIONED NEAR TIANANMEN
SQUARE. BOTH SURVIVING ARMY MARSHALS, WHO REPORTEDLY HAD
OPPOSED USING THE ARMY TO QUELL STUDENT PROTESTS, HAVE
PLEDGED SUPPORT.

THE CRACKDOWN CONTINUES: CHINESE MEDIA REPORT DOZENS MORE
ARRESTS OF POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND RIOTERS, AND OFFICIAL
RADIO AND TELEVISION HAVE BEEN BROADCASTING DESCRIPTIONS
OF 21 TOP STUDENT LEADERS FOR WHOM ARREST WARRANTS HAVE
BEEN ISSUED. BORDER GUARDS HAVE BEEN PUT ON ALERT TO SPOT
FANG LIZHI AND HIS WIFE IF THEY TRY TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY;
EMBASSY BEIJING REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT MEDIA DIATRIBES
AGAINST VOA AND THE EMBASSY HAVE MODERATED SOMEWHAT. THE

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COMMUNIST PARTY REPORTEDLY HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL MEDIA ORGANS TO FIRE OR REASSIGN ALL JOURNALISTS WHO REPORTED FAVORABLY ON THE STUDENT PROTESTS.'

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2. PRC/US: BEIJING POLITICS AND BILATERAL TIES
BEIJING'S EFFORTS TO SELL THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF RECENT EVENTS AND WIN BUREAUCRATIC COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW HARD-LINE REGIME CONFLICT WITH US ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT REPRESSION AND HONOR FANG LIZHI'S REQUEST FOR PROTECTION. THE

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BEIJING'S INITIAL PROTEST OVER US SANCTIONS AND ITS DEMARCHE REGARDING PROTECTION OF FANG LIZHI WERE REMARKABLY LOW LEVEL AND LOW KEY, EXPRESSING REGRET MORE THAN THREAT;

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MEDIA CRITICISM OF VOA REPORTING AND OF THE EMBASSY'S PROTECTION OF FANG AVOIDED ATTACKING THE US GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY.

ON JUNE 12, HOWEVER, BEIJING CITY AUTHORITIES PUBLICIZED A WARRANT FOR FANG'S ARREST, AND THE BEIJING CITY MEDIA REPORTED PUBLIC CALLS FOR THE EMBASSY TO TURN FANG AND HIS WIFE OVER TO AUTHORITIES. YESTERDAY PEOPLE'S DAILY BELATEDLY FOLLOWED SUIT JUST AS PREMIER LI PENG AT A CONGREGATION OF TOP OFFICIALS WARNED MAVERICK MEDIA ORGANS TO FALL IN LINE.

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LI PENG YESTERDAY DECLARED DENG'S
JUNE 9 SPEECH A PROGRAMMATIC DOCUMENT FOR THE FUTURE AND
STRESSED THAT REFORM AND THE OPEN POLICY, AS WELL AS
CHINA'S INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL FOREIGN POLICY, WOULD BE
PURSUED. LI'S "STERN WARNING" TO A "SMALL NUMBER OF
NATIONS" THAT HAVE SPREAD RUMORS, STIRRED UP ANTI-CHINA
SENTIMENT AND PUT PRESSURE ON CHINA.
AGAIN, HE MERELY REQUESTED PATIENCE AND A LONG-TERM VIEW.

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3. PRC/USSR: CHINA'S CRISIS COMPLICATES RELATIONS

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THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN CAUTIOUS IN COMMENTING ON THE EVENTS IN CHINA AND ONLY MILDLY CRITICAL. BUT THE VICTORY OF HARD-LINERS IN BEIJING WILL NOT NECESSARILY BENEFIT MOSCOW.

CHINA'S NEW HARD-LINE REGIME
THE VICTORS IN BEIJING HAVE SHOWN APPRECIATION FOR MOSCOW'S RESTRAINED RESPONSE TO THEIR BRUTAL SUPPRESSION OF THE DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT; VICE PREMIER TIAN JIYUN MET WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR ON JUNE 12 TO SIGNAL RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS. EVEN BEFORE THE ASSAULT ON TIANANMEN SQUARE THE CHINESE HAD ADOPTED A RHETORICAL POSTURE OF GREATER BALANCE TOWARD THE SUPERPOWERS--IN EFFECT A SLIGHT SYMBOLIC SHIFT IN MOSCOW'S FAVOR.

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